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There is enclosed a copy of a preliminary office action stamped with the date 23 July 2001. As received by Austrian Counsel and a European Search Report dated 18 October 2002. The Austrian preliminary action cited as the sole reference, a document in German which has a title translating as ignition of explosive charges by Gerd Vogel, volume 1, 31 May 2000, pages 72 to 73 with special emphasis on page 73 in the middle. The office action requires that the scope of the application be limited in view of

the reference. There is no detailed discussion of this reference. The reference is among those listed in the PTO-1449 form accompanying this IDS. The references listed in the European Search Report are also listed in the PTO-1449 form. Since that form is in German, the following summary of the application of the references is provided:

DE 27 01 273A is applied in category X: of special significance considered alone for page 6, paragraph 4 through page 7, paragraph 2 and FIGS. 1 to 3 with respect to examined claims 1, 2 and 5.

WO 98 34 081 is cited in category X: for page 4 line 24 through page 6, line 9 and FIGS. 1 to 3 against claims 1, 2 and 5.

DE 31 24 420 is cited in category X for the entire document with reference to claims 1, 2, 5 and 8.

Austrian Patent 405 591 is cited for its claim 6 in category X and as a document referred to in the body of the application against examined claim 8 and in category A as Technological Background against claims 9 and 10.

WO 02 21067 is cited in category E as a document cited for other reasons with respect to examined claims 1 to 5 with

particular reliance upon page 6, paragraph 1, page 7, paragraph 2, page 8, paragraph 2, page 9, paragraph 3, page 10, paragraph 4 through page 11, paragraph 2 and FIGS. 1 to 4.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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